

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

After you have fully completed this application, please return it to the Governor's Office via email (jheerens@gov.in.gov) or by hard copy (Governor's Office, Attn: Joseph R. Heerens, State House Room 206, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204).

NOTE: The information in Section 1 of this application may be considered a public record and disclosed in response to a request for public records under IC § 5-14-3. However, the remaining information contained in Sections 2-11 of this application will not be considered a public record and will not be disclosed in response to a public records request.

1. General Background

- A. Specifically identify the judgeship (the court and county) for which you are seeking appointment.
- B. Full legal name, and any former names.
- C. Business address, business email, and business telephone number.
- D. Attorney number.
- E. Provide your employment history since graduation from law school. Include name of employer(s), titles or positions, locations, and dates of employment.
- F. List all colleges and universities you attended, including law school(s). Include each school's name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when.

2. Personal Information

- A. Date and place of birth.
- B. Social Security Number.
- C. County of current residence and date you first became a resident thereof.
- D. Current home address and home (or cell) telephone number.
- E. State the full name (use initials for minor children), age, and relationship of each person residing in your household.
- F. Month and year that you were admitted to the Indiana Bar.
 - a. Indicate current law license status, i.e. active/inactive/retired.

- b. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide the date(s) of admission and current license status.

3. Military Experience

- A. If applicable, list any military service. Include the name of the military branch; dates of service; last rank achieved; and any honors, awards, or commendations received.

4. Employment

- A. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law (present and former).

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

- A. Describe the extent of your jury trial and/or bench trial experience, if any.
- B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience (including as a judge *pro tempore*).

6. Statement of Interest and Writing Samples

- A. Please briefly state the reason that you believe you should be selected for this judgeship.
- B. Please provide at least two writing samples with this application, such as, by way of example, a trial or appellate brief, judicial opinion, or article in a legal journal that you have written.

7. Legal or Community Service

- A. Describe your efforts or contributions toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, the administration of justice (*i.e. pro bono* legal services), and/or your community through charitable work or public service.

8. Memberships and Other Activities

- A. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.
- B. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic, charitable, or service organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.
- C. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or similar organizations. If any of those clubs or organizations restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please identify and describe any efforts you have made within the applicable club or organization to eliminate the restriction(s).
- D. If you have ever been a candidate for election to public office or a political party office, please identify the race, the date, and the outcome.

- E. If you have served in any positions (including part-time board appointments) with federal, state or local governments, please identify the position(s) and dates held.
- F. If you have taken a visible role in matters of significant public interest or controversy, please briefly describe the circumstances.
- G. Please identify any person or organizations who you believe might oppose your appointment to this judgeship.
- H. Please consider carefully, and disclose, whether there are any incidents in, or aspects of, your personal or professional life, which, if they became the subject of public attention, might cause embarrassment to you or to the Governor. These matters may include, by way of example and not of limitation, abuse of alcohol or use of illegal drugs, financial matters, sexual conduct, or accusations of illegal or unethical conduct.

9. Legal Proceedings

- A. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, bankruptcies, dissolutions, and criminal matters to which you have been a party. Provide the date, jurisdiction, and a brief explanation of the dispute and your role in it. (If minor children are involved [i.e. an adoption], use initials only.)
- B. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, please provide the date, jurisdiction, and a brief explanation of the event and its resolution.
- C. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date and describe the circumstances and nature of the outcome or resolution.
- D. If you have ever been the subject of a background investigation for a state or federal position or security clearance, please identify the position and the date of the investigation.
- E. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize them and explain.

10. Health

- A. Describe your general physical condition.
- B. Within the past three years, have you been diagnosed or treated for any emotional or mental condition or illness, including any condition that involves treatment for drug or alcohol use? If so, provide the dates of assessment and/or treatment and the names and addresses of your doctors or other treatment providers.
- C. Are you able to perform the essential functions of a judge serving in a circuit, superior or city court, with or without accommodation?

11. References

- A. Provide a list of both professional and personal references (no more than three in each category) to your character, abilities and reputation.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND CONSENT

The undersigned applicant authorizes the release to the Indiana Governor's Office, its staff, employees, agents and/or representatives, any records, reports and documents, which may be requested by the Governor's Office in the performance of its evaluations of candidates. The scope of this authorization extends to, but is not necessarily limited to, requests from the Governor's Office for Federal, State or local tax records, criminal and driving histories from any jurisdiction, employment and medical records, attorney and judicial disciplinary records from any jurisdiction (whether pending or closed), and credit reports and histories. Any such information is to be used for possible employment with the State of Indiana and will not be available for public inspection.

The undersigned waives, releases and discharges the Indiana Governor's Office, its staff, employees, agents and representatives, the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, and any other agency or person (including their staff, employees, agents and representatives) providing information to the Governor's Office, of and from any and all claims, actions, damages and liabilities arising from, out of or in connection with the furnishing and/or use of information (such as records, reports and documents) concerning the undersigned applicant.

The undersigned agrees and understands that the Indiana Governor's Office, its staff, employees, agents and/or representatives, may interview or otherwise consult with members of the legal, judicial, and general community concerning the professional qualifications and the integrity and reputation of the applicant.

The undersigned applicant hereby authorizes and consents to the public disclosure of my name as an applicant for the judgeship as more particularly identified in this application.

Date

Applicant Signature

Printed Name